



## A Lamentation On ALLEN LARKIN AND OBRIEN WHO WERE EXECUTED AT MANCHESTER ON THE 23th OF NOVEMBER 1867

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Good people all both great & small that hears my case bewail:—  
This day now terminates our fate before Manchester gaol,  
For the foul deed of murder we are condemned to die,  
And pay the penalty of that crime upon the gallows high,

John Allen Gould & Larkin to Ireland did belong,  
Their friends all did wish them well & save they did no wrong,  
For the shooting Constable Sergeant Brett our lives were took away  
And for the breaking of the van & demanding of the key,

November the 23rd will be remembered well,  
When Larkin's wife & children came to take their last farewell,  
It would grieve your heart to see that night in grief you would de-  
plore,  
When they bade farewell in the dead cell to part & meet no more,

Saturday November 23 at the hour of eight o'clock,  
Three young men all in their bloom stood on the fatal drop,  
The kissed shook hands and parted in love and unity,  
And in one moment after sent into eternity,

The morning that young Allen died as he lay in his cell,  
His aged mother there came to him to take her last farewell,  
Down on his bended knees did fall and her blessing he did crave,  
Saying your one and only son is doomed to meet an early grave,

At an early hour this morning what trouble filled our hearts,  
When Father Gadd that holy man to us those words expressed  
Come to the blessed crucifix and with courage follow me,  
Ye are going to meet your merciful Lord who died on Calvary,

The Marchioness of Queensbury three hundred pound has sent,  
To help these suffering families it is her full intent,  
Should a subscription now be raised as we expect will be  
To keep their wives & children from want & misery,

Farewell friends & relations to you all we bid a due,  
For ever from this world we shall most part from you,  
As we hope to gain salvation we freely forgive all men,  
May the Lord have mercy on our souls good christians say Amen